

The Book of Luke

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we continue our study of the book of **Luke**, this time reading **chapters 9-16**.

As we saw in Luke's introduction in **1:1-4**, this Gospel account is directed to a specific individual – Theophilus (see also **Acts 1:1**). Since his name means “lover of God,” some scholars have suggested that Luke was addressing the generic believer with this personalized name.

However, most scholars believe that Theophilus was a real person – probably a man of great wealth and importance, since Luke uses the adjective “excellent” in **Luke 1:3**. So who was he? There are two possibilities:

- Theophilus was Luke's patron. This means that Theophilus was responsible for publishing and disseminating the Gospel account that Luke wrote.
- Theophilus was a Roman official, possibly involved in Paul's court appeal to Caesar. There is a measure of support for this since Acts ends prior to his hearing before Caesar. If this is the case, then both **Luke** and **Acts** would have been part of the brief presented to Theophilus, and through him, to Caesar.

Which is more likely? Probably the first, since Luke tells us he is writing “an orderly account” so that Theophilus “may know the certainty of the things [he had] been *taught*” (**1:3-4**). This indicates that Theophilus was already a believer.

With this in mind, let's read Luke's account of what Theophilus had been taught.

- **9:1-9** – Jesus sends out the Twelve
- **9:10-17** – The feeding of the five thousand
- **9:18-27** – Peter's confession of Christ
- **9:28-36** – The transfiguration of Jesus
- **9:37-62** – Jesus sets out for Jerusalem
- **10:1-24** – Jesus sends out the Seventy-Two
- **10:25-16:31** – Various teachings and parables

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a
new creation; the old has gone,
the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Your Fishing Kit

This is the thirty-first verse in your fishing kit and probably one of the most famous verses in the Bible, for it describes the result of believing on Jesus. As we saw in **Module 102**, **2 Corinthians 5:17** summarizes the entire Gospel experience.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4-5
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.